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SUBJECT: CSCE: SPANISH INTEREST IN HOSTING POST-BELGRADE
FOLLOW-UP MEETING

1. SPEAKING ON INSTRUCTIONS, SPANISH EMBASSY OFFICER
(PEREZ-GIRALDA) INFORMED DEPARTMENT (EUR/RPM) ON AUGUST 2
THAT HIS GOVERNMENT WAS CONSIDERING MAKING A BID TO HOST
THE NEXT BELGRADE-STYLE FOLLOW-UP MEETING OF CSCE. PEREZ
SAID CONSIDERATION OF THE POSSIBILITY WAS STILL IN ITS
EARLY STAGES IN MADRID, BUT THAT IN LIGHT OF SPAIN'S
POSITIVE EXPERIENCE WITH PARTICIPATION IN CSCE SO FAR, THERE
WAS SOME INTEREST IN MOVING FORWARD WITH THE IDEA. BEFORE
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MAKING ANY DECISION, HOWEVER, THE SPANISH WISHED TO HEAR
THE VIEWS OF OTHER PARTICIPANTS, INCLUDING THE UNITED
STATES.

2. DEPARTMENT OFFICER SAID US HAD NOT YET CONSIDERED
POSSIBLE SITES FOR NEXT FOLLOW-UP MEETING AND THE DEPART-
MENT HAD NOT HEARD OF CONCRETE PROPOSALS IN THIS REGARD.

WE WOULD OF COURSE BE WILLING TO CONSIDER MADRID IF A FORMAL BID WERE PUT FORWARD. AS A PERSONAL VIEW, DEPARTMENT OFFICER NOTED THAT SPAIN WOULD ALSO HAVE TO GAIN SOVIET SUPPORT FOR ITS BID AND WONDERED IF THE PRICE OF

SUCH SUPPORT MIGHT NOT BE A "BALANCED" FOREIGN POLICY IN COMING YEARS. SUCH A SITUATION MIGHT LIMIT SPAIN'S FLEXIBILITY ON ISSUES SUCH AS POSSIBLE MEMBERSHIP IN NATO. PEREZ SAID HE WAS NOT AWARE OF MADRID'S THINKING ON SUCH QUESTIONS, BUT THAT HE WAS SURE SUCH CONSIDERATIONS WOULD BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT BEFORE ANY DECISION WAS MADE.

3. FOR MADRID: WE SEE POTENTIAL FOR CONSIDERABLE SOVIET PRESSURE ON SPAIN IF DECISION WERE TO HOLD NEXT CSCE MEETING IN MADRID. BEFORE DECIDING HOW TO REACT TO SPANISH REQUEST FOR VIEWS, WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR ANALYSIS OF SERIOUSNESS OF SPANISH INTEREST IN HOSTING FOLLOW-UP MEETING AND WHETHER IDEA REPRESENTS BROADER FOREIGN POLICY CONSIDERATIONS OR WHETHER IT POSSIBLY RESULTS FROM PAROCHIAL SUGGESTION OF OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR CSCE.

4. FOR USDEL CSCE: WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN YOUR ANALYSIS OF SPANISH REQUEST. HAVE SPANISH RAISED MATTER WITH YOU OR OTHER DELEGATIONS? WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE CHANCES WOULD BE OF MADRID BEING ACCEPTED IF FORMAL BID

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